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CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

PRELIMINARY FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 09-AUG-2004

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG.	LOADS
US GRADE A	66-80.5	66-69	70.49	31

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 07-Aug-04

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	164,904	166,810

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY

80.50

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.:

80.42

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	254.50	1,288
BREASTS - B/S	222.50	5,490
BREASTS - WHOLE	125.50	1,408
THIGH MEAT - B/S	105.00	1,047
LEG QUARTERS	33.00	7,484
WINGS	116.50	2,868

MIDWEST Preliminary majority prices for next week's trading into the Chicago area decreased 4 cents from Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment remained barely steady to weak. Offerings were fully sufficient on heavy weights and adequate on small sizes. Buyer interest was minimized due to weak consumer buying patterns. Retail sector demand was erratic, light to fairly good; best movement was noted in the Michigan area and some locations in the Chicago area. Food service demand little changed from prior trade period, light to moderate; mixed into fast food and fairly good for festivals. Floor stocks were in a full range, weights desirable to instances heavy. Parts trade was similar to whole fryer trade, in that supplies were fully adequate for the light trade needs, even though product prices were well positioned to help clear. Supplies of all items were available, but somewhat in better balance as the week ends. The market tone was generally unchanged; about steady on wings, and steady to barely steady with a weak undertone on all other items.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **WEEK ENDING AUGUST 06, 2004**

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO		CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	72.41	72.20**	57.50**	EASTERN REGION	72.00	71.20**	57.00
CENTRAL REGION	72.80**	71.80**	57.04	CENTRAL REGION	71.50**	71.10**	56.00
WESTERN REGION	72.50**	71.80**	59.10**	WESTERN REGION	71.50**	71.10**	57.20**

**BASED ON OFFERS

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 31-July-2004 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG CHICKENS THOUSANDS

Head	161,732
Avg Wt	5.26
Last week	161,269
Same wk yr ago	159,246
Avg Wt	5.14
To-date/2004	4,662,385
To-date/2003	4,599,567

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS
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Head	1,901	2,672
Avg Wt	15.82	35.90
Last week	1,910	2,713
Same wk yr ago	2,127	2,752
Avg Wt	15.81	35.10
To-date/2004	51,822	75,765
To-date/2003	55,806	81,929

FRESH PORK CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
Loin		
1/8" Trm/less 21#DN-LGT	116.50	116.50
BNLS Strap-on 5-11#	159.00 - 169.00	161.67
Trimmed Butt		
1/4" Trim Stk Rdy	110.00	110.00
SPARERIB		
3BAG/3 PCVAC4.25#/DN-LGT	156.00 - 158.00	156.67

FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	480.00 586.00	502.52
168 3 Round, top inside round	157.50 170.00	162.38
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	472.00 541.00	492.24
Ground Beef 81%	106.00 139.79	124.25

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